

December 10, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS - 2000-2001 DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS
EQUIPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM GRANT
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Office, Office of Emergency Management to manage the grant application process that will enable the County to request up to \$2,206,985 in U.S. Department of Justice domestic preparedness equipment support program grant funds from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Funds may be applied for by County departments and the 88 cities of the County.
2. Authorize the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to sign the attached resolution, which provides signature authority to the Chief Administrative Office, Office of Emergency Management for management of the grant process.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This financial assistance is for the purchase of equipment to enhance first response capabilities in the areas of fire, emergency medical services, hazardous materials, law enforcement, public works, public health, environmental health, and emergency management at the local levels of government in response to incidents of

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terrorism involving the use of chemical and biological agents, as well as radiological and explosive devices. The grant will give County departments and cities an opportunity to acquire equipment in the following categories (a list of authorized equipment is attached):

- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Chemical, biological, and radiological detection
- Decontamination
- Communications

This grant program represents the second and third year of a three-year initiative to address critical national needs in the area of specialized response equipment for domestic preparedness. The program continues the effort to equip first responders that was established in the 1999 U.S. Department of Justice grant program approved by your Board and follows the same procedures.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This grant addresses the following County Strategic Plan goals:

- Goal No. 1: Service Excellence, Strategy 1, Develop standards for user friendly service by improving the ability of first responder agencies to deal with terrorism.
- Goal No. 2: Workforce Excellence, Strategy 2, Create a positive work force by providing needed equipment for first responders.
- Goal No. 3: Organizational Effectiveness, Strategy 3 Collaborate across functional and jurisdictional boundaries by promoting regional capabilities for response to acts of terrorism.
- Goal No. 4: Fiscal Responsibility, Strategy 2, Invest in public infrastructure by providing grant funds rather than jurisdictional funds for the purchase of needed equipment.

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- Goal No. 5: Children's and Families' Well Being, Strategy Engage individual departments in their planning efforts towards achieving the five outcomes for children and families by enhancing the safety and survival of families.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a fully funded grant from the U.S. Department of Justice from Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, as authorized by Public Law 106-113 (FY 2000), and Public Law 106-553 (FY 2001). The U.S. Attorney General's Office of Domestic Preparedness has rolled these two grant years into one application to be applied for this fiscal year. There are no matching fund requirements. Cities and County departments with first responder missions are eligible to apply for funding under this grant.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The State of California has established the following Operational Area responsibilities:

- Coordinate with their jurisdictions and disciplines to compile the equipment requests into a single grant application package to be submitted to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.
- Utilize the data gathered in the previously completed and approved Office of Justice Programs Needs Assessment, and consider the following points to prioritize equipment purchases:
 - Analyze current equipment availability and prioritize the shortfalls to be met with this and future equipment purchases.
 - Distribution of equipment must promote closing gaps in existing capabilities.
 - Staff must be trained to operate and maintain the equipment.

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- Maintain an equipment tracking system.
- Prepare quarterly progress reports for the duration of the grant period.

The County Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with the Terrorism Working Group, will manage the grant application process using the following procedures:

- Hold an applicant's briefing for cities and first responder County departments the week of December 10th, 2002.
- Provide applicant's with an on-line application system to facilitate authorized agencies making applications and facilitate subsequent review and approval of applications.
- Applicants will be required to submit their applications to the County Office of Emergency Management by January 11, 2003.
- The Terrorism Working Group will complete the review and make recommendations on the applications by January 24, 2003.
- The Office of Emergency Management will submit one application to the State by February 8, 2003. This application will include all approved County department and city applications.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Office of Emergency Management will manage this grant with input from the Terrorism Working Group.

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CONCLUSION

This financial assistance is for the purchase of equipment to enhance the capability of local jurisdictions and agencies to respond to incidents of terrorism. The Los Angeles County Operational Area is a prime target for terrorist activity based on its population of over 10 million, and the fact that it is both a great media center and the entertainment capital of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments

c: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Emergency Management Council
Emergency Management Council Steering Committee
Emergency Management Council Subcommittee